

**Meeting of the Senior Sub-Cabinet Workgroup on Civic Engagement
March 9, 2011-03-10**

Attending: Kathleen Meaney Stobie RSVP/Vol Ctr

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Carol Croll Interages

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Daniel Koroma OCP-CE

Bruce Adams OCP-CE

Micki Gordon JCA

Austin Heyman OCP-CE

Francine Jamin Mont Col. Paul Peck Institute

Lucy Yost Vol Ctr

Invited but not attending: Molly Callaway, John Kenney, Karla Silvestre, Tim Warner, Charles Smith, Phil Smakula, Catherine Matthews, Mary Anderson, Hope Gleicher, Pat Myers, Lorraine Schack, Grace Whipple, Barbara Woodall, Jayne Park, Linda Ann Berg, Eric Davis.

1. Updates

Interages is initiating a pilot project with MCPS in May to work with seniors and students during the lunch hour on mathfacts and is looking to collaborate with other non-profits.

The Vital Living Committee has published "The Navigator" which is a guide to transitioning from the workworld to opportunities for engagement in Montgomery County. While multiple copies will soon be published, it is available on the county senior website by clicking on publications.

JCA announced that the Over 50 Employment Expo will be held on May 17.

2. The Village Movement

The workgroup discussed the question of how to plan for the growing interest in Montgomery County in the village movement. In addition to the downcounty area which has been actively pursuing this for several years, new interest has been expressed in Silver Spring, Olney, Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg. The group agreed to support convening a group to discuss this issue in depth later this spring. Among those who need to be at the table are: The Regional Service Directors, representation from Burning Tree Village and Chevy Chase at Home, the coordinator of the DC network, JCA, Interfaith Works, Tim Warner and other possible representation from the faith

community, Leslie Marks, Miriam Kelty, Houseworks, HHS, and OCP. JCA offered their training room for the meeting.

Among the issues to be discussed are: What is the role of the county in assisting communities seeking to start a village? Are there specific needs which could be filled for all villages by a single source e.g. meeting escort transportation needs or home care? How can the village movement be created and sustained in less affluent communities? What is the role, if any, of the faith community?

3. Community Service

The workgroup received a briefing on the Pledge 25 Campaign and the celebration in October of the 25th anniversary of Community Service day in Montgomery County. Community Service Week will provide an opportunity to showcase engagement programs led by and serving seniors.

4. Lifelong Learning

Montgomery College's Lifelong Learning Institute is expanding its classes to new sites in the community including public libraries (Davis, Rockville, Kensington, and Chevy Chase), the Senior Living Community (Ingleside at King Farm) and Holiday Park and Schweinhaut Senior Centers. Regional Service Centers offer an additional opportunity for bringing its classes to the community. Registrations for classes are up for the current years.

OASIS has over 1000 seniors enrolled in classes at 7 locations and utilizes 35 volunteers. Its intergenerational tutoring program has 172 tutors at 33 schools including Prince George's county and the District of Columbia. Its computer recycling program has provided 45 computers to low income seniors.

The Jefferson Cafes of Montgomery College's Paul Peck Institute has over 400 enrolled in its discussions. Most of the participants are seniors.

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